

CHARLES THOM PLACED ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE

Difficulty Encountered in Securing a Jury.

CHARGED WITH KILLING WIFE

Jealousy Alleged to Have Been the Cause of Midnight Shooting in Missouri Avenue House.

The trial of Charles Thom for the murder of his wife, Ida Thom, on May 5 last, which was commenced yesterday in Criminal Court No. 1 will probably occupy the attention of the court for the remainder of the week. The attendance was much greater than at any murder trial since the Bonine case in December last.

At 10 o'clock the court room was filled. On account of his illness, however, Justice Anderson was not able to be at the City Hall at that hour, and the beginning of the hearing was postponed until 1:15 p. m. At that time the court room was again filled with spectators, who remained until the hour of adjournment.

Thom was brought to the City Hall from the District Jail a few minutes before 10 a. m., and locked in a cell in the basement of the building. He seemed quite unconcerned. He declined to talk to anyone, and sat bolt upright on a bench in the west side of the cell. He fixed his gaze on some imaginary object on the wall opposite to him and hummed hymns and national airs.

It was reported that Thom composed some verses, entitled "When I Take the Witness Chair," which he said he would sing when he was taken into the court. He, however, did not make any attempt to do so when led into the court room in the afternoon. When the court was convened the work of impaneling a special panel of jurors to determine the guilt or innocence of the prisoner was begun.

Hard to Secure Jury.

The regular panel of jurors serving in Criminal Court No. 1 was exhausted without a special jury being selected. Justice Anderson then directed the United States marshal for the District to summon seventy extra talesmen to report for jury duty.

It was developed yesterday afternoon while the jurors were being examined as to their qualifications to sit in judgment on the defendant that many of them were disqualified because of having already formed and expressed an opinion regarding the guilt or innocence of the accused.

When William Bright was called to the jury box his resemblance to his brother, Henry J. Bright, who served on the jury which found Guileau guilty, was so great that many believed him to be the latter.

The accused is represented by Attorneys Henry E. Davis and Joseph Shillington, and the Government by District Attorney Gould.

At the time Thom committed the crime for which he is called to trial he was employed as a watchman at a local bakery. He and the woman he is charged with having killed were married only about a year. For some time they had been living at 321 Missouri Avenue, where the killing was done. For some reason or other Thom became suspicious of his wife, and they are said to have had frequent quarrels. On the night of May 5, a little after 12 o'clock Thom left the bakery where he was employed and returned to his home. He took with him a pistol.

In speaking of this after his arrest he said he could not tell why he took the pistol home with him that night.

Quarrel With Wife.

When he arrived at home he went to his wife's room, and they quarreled. Thom became so enraged that he tore into bits a new hat which he had a short time before purchased for her. At that time they were in a room on the third floor of the building. When her husband destroyed her hat, it is said Mrs. Thom screamed and left the room, and started to go down stairs. Her husband, it is said, followed her. As he emerged from the door of their own room, Mrs. Thom had reached the landing on the second floor. He saw her, and commenced firing at her. The first shot, it is said, took effect, and Mrs. Thom fell to the floor. Thom, however, it is said, continued going down the stairway and fired three more shots before he reached the spot where she was lying.

In speaking of the affair a few minutes afterward, Thom is reported as saying that it was not until he saw his wife wounded at his feet that he realized that he had a pistol in his hand. He also stated the same night that he killed his wife because she was unfaithful to him.

Thom is about thirty-five years old, and is rather spare built. He was neatly dressed, and wears his beard trimmed in Vandike style. As he sat and listened to the jurors being questioned as to their qualifications he seemed nervous. At times, however, he appeared not to be in the slightest interested in what was going on around him. At such times he appeared to be simply a spectator at the proceedings rather than the man who is on trial for his life.

LE DROIT AVENUE NEEDED AS AN OUTLET

Superintendent of Water Department Reports on Desirability of Opening Thoroughfare.

The District Commissioners have received from the Superintendent of the Water Department a statement upon the desirability of opening Le Droit Avenue southward from Trumbull Street. This thoroughfare, he thinks, is much needed as an outlet for the trunk mains from the new Trumbull Street pumping station, as without it an indirect route, requiring a number of objectionable bends, must be followed. The matter was forwarded to the surface division for consideration.

W. P. Richards, engineer in charge of streets, has reported and submitted a map showing the proposed extension of Le Droit Avenue fifty feet in width. Although the extension of this avenue has been generally considered as ninety feet wide, he thinks fifty feet would be sufficient, as some of the land along the extension is not subdivided.

Other portions are held in large lots by one party, thus enabling these people to establish a building line, if it is desirable to have ninety feet.

He estimates that the cost of the land will be \$12,000. The grading would be very light in character. A draft of a proposed bill to Congress to carry out the plan was also submitted.

NEW CIRCLE INSTALLED.

Dr. Julia P. Shade, past national president of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and founder of the home for aged veterans and their wives, has installed the officers of William McKinley Circle, No. 2, recently organized by C. N. Avery.

Officers of the new circle are as follows: C. N. Avery, president; C. M. Marks, senior vice president; S. J. Stiles, junior vice president; S. L. Avery, secretary; Daisy Upperman, treasurer; Alice Cooley, chaplain; A. E. Cooley, conductor; E. Prince, assistant conductor; E. E. Hagerty, guard.

Following the ceremony of installation, Mrs. A. E. Cooley sang the hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light."

MR. SELLMAN'S WILL.

The will of John J. M. Sellman, dated May 10, 1899, has been filed for probate in the office of the Register of Wills for the District. He leaves to his wife, Mary Adelaide Sellman, premises 1009 M Street northwest. The remainder of his estate he divides between his wife and his son, William A. B. Sellman. His wife and son are named executrix and executor, respectively, of his will.

German, Tomorrow—Public Are Invited

At 10:30 a. m., 4:30 and 8 p. m. to Haupt's free lecture lessons, to meet tri-weekly.

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NEW PETWORTH SCHOOL FORMALLY DEDICATED

Commissioner Macfarland Makes an Address.

Petworth School, in Brightwood Avenue, was dedicated this morning. There was a large attendance of people of the neighborhood who are gratified over the location of the school in that part of the District.

Dr. Richard Kingman, a member of the school board, and chairman of the building committee, presided. Addresses were made by School Superintendent A. T. Stuart, B. H. Warner, and Commissioner H. B. P. Macfarland. The exercises commenced at 11 o'clock. Commissioner Macfarland said:

"The town of Petworth is one of a dozen thriving communities outside of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, which are entitled to all the urban services as rapidly as the District's revenues will permit. It is a great satisfaction to open today the opportunity for the most important of all services that the District can render to its citizens. The public school is the civic basis of good citizenship."

The new building contains four rooms. It is thoroughly equipped in the best manner, and compares favorably with any school building in the District. Petworth is a flourishing and attractive suburb near the Soldiers' Home. Miss Frank is principal of the school. She has two assistants.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES COMMENDED BY CITIZENS

The District Commissioners have received from Frank P. Metcalf, secretary of the Brightwood Park Citizens' Association, the copy of a resolution commending the municipal authorities in appointing the citizens' committee to look after the interests of the people in connection with the coal supply.

MRS. THOMPSON SEEKS DIVORCE.

Proceedings for divorce have been begun by Mrs. Helen Thompson, in the Supreme Court of the District, against her husband, Henry P. P. Thompson, on statutory grounds. They were married in this city in 1894.

SAVS WIFE DESERTED HIM.

Beverly Randall has instituted proceedings for divorce in the Supreme Court of the District against his wife, Lucy Ann Randall, on statutory grounds. They were married in this city in 1898. Randall also alleges that his wife deserted him, and is now residing in Pittsburg, Pa.

NORTHEAST CITIZENS IN MONTHLY MEETING

Talk of the Proposed Reception to H. L. West.

The monthly meeting of the Northeast Citizens' Association was held in the hall of the Northeast Temple last night. The report of the executive committee was submitted by President W. H. Tucker. The leading feature of the report was the reference to the proposed reception to District Commissioner Henry Litchfield West by the various citizens' associations and organizations in the city.

This movement started at the Brightwood Citizens' meeting about a month ago, and the other organizations were asked to co-operate with that body and tender a reception to the newly-appointed Commissioner. The event has been fixed for December 29, but the hall in which it is to be held has not been selected.

W. J. Frizzell, a member of the executive committee, submitted a set of resolutions commending the annual report of the District Commissioners and concurring in its recommendations.

The matter of making current improvements from current revenues only was favored by the association, as was the recommendations providing that the half and half principle of the organic act of 1878 prevail in all appropriations made for the District of Columbia; that it would be better to wait for any improvements than to have the cost of it paid exclusively from the District revenues; that the increase of taxation by the triennial assessment of real estate and by the personal tax and license law will provide a revenue ample to meet all current expenditures and to provide for a sinking fund; that the cost of extraordinary improvements should not be paid out of current revenues of the years when they are made; that future years should share the burdens as well as the benefits of such improvements; and that unless such course is pursued taxation will grow akin to confiscation or the present and future ordinary needs of the people must go unsatisfied.

The Northeast Citizens' Association is in favor of the erection of the new union station on the proposed Massachusetts Avenue site, but the report of the organization is supplemented by the statement that the abolishment of grade crossings was what the association was primarily interested in.

MACHINISTS EJECT OFFICERS.

Columbia Lodge, No. 14, International Association of Machinists, has elected the following officers: M. A. Bowen was again chosen president, and other officers were named as follows: G. W. Price, vice president; Emmet L. Adams, recording secretary; Robert H. Cowan, financial secretary; Evan S. Stokes, treasurer; G. E. Smouse, conductor; James Sweran, sentinel; W. R. Adams, trustee; and Edwin Hillier, Andrew Johnson, Jr., and Robert G. Dick, auditors. Delegates to Central Labor Union were elected as follows: Robert Cowan, John Davis, Harry Severn, E. L. Tucker, and W. H. Henze.

DEED FOR \$23,312.

A deed has been placed on file by Willie Perry, executor and trustee of the estate of Ida M. Perry, conveying to Lewis Hopfenmaier parts of original lots 5 and 6, in square 381, for \$23,312. The property is located in Tenth Street, south of Pennsylvania Avenue.

QUESTION OF JURISDICTION OVER WHARFAGE LINES

The Commissioners of the District have referred to the Secretary of War a number of questions affecting the jurisdiction of the local authorities over the bulkhead and wharf lines along the water front.

The Commissioners have addressed a lengthy letter to Secretary Root setting forth the various questions and requesting an opinion from him. The decision of the Secretary is expected to have an important bearing on the issuance of future permits for wharf construction and repairs.

FILLED BY A TRAIN.

Joseph Robinson, colored, was killed by a Baltimore and Ohio train near Ivy City last night. He lived at Montello, near Benning, and was walking along the track on his way home when the train struck him. He was twenty-nine years old and leaves a family.

THOMAS POST ELECTION.

George H. Thomas Post, No. 15, Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic, has elected these officers: Commander, John J. Stroeh; senior vice commander, Edwin P. Sherman; junior vice commander, William Bierley; chaplain, William H. Hoy; quartermaster, Benjamin P. Estrick; surgeon, H. A. Dobson; officer of the day, E. P. Seavey; officer of the guard, Andrew E. Lukei; delegates to department encampment, William F. Reed, Thomas B. Crisp, William H. Hoon, R. P. Estrick; alternates, Samuel Beight, J. B. Thatcher, E. P. Seavey, H. H. Hoon; member of department relief committee, Theophilus Fitzgerald; member of board of managers of temporary home, Israel W. Stone.

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Genuine Mink Scarfs, made and finished in \$4.98 the best manner, the regular \$8 kind, at.....

Sable Fox Boas, full and fluffy, at the special price of.....

1 lot of Collarettes and Storm Collars, such as electric seal, martens, Persian lamb, and mink at the very low figure of.....

One lot of Women's and Misses' Muffs, in astrakhan, wool, seal, and raccoon, well made, \$1.25 at.....

Genuine Alaska Seal Shoulder Capes, made of Persian lamb, yoke lined with good quality satin, in very warm and durable, at.....

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French Flannel Waists, broad tucking and stitching, new Duchess front, finished with black silk buttons, in colors of red, navy, and black. All sizes. Offered at.....

French Flannel Waists, tucked to the bust, inverted pleat front, tailor stitched, and finished with small steel buttons, in colors of red, royal, light blue, and reseda. All sizes. Offered at.....

Black Brilliantine Waists, yoke effects blouse front, trimmed with pure cluster tucking front and back, complete with tucked stock and cuffs, lined with black percale. All sizes. Offered at.....

Botany Flannel Waists, latest yoke effect, trimmed with rows of hemstitching, full blouse, prettily tucked, fancy stock, steel buttons, in colors of cream, light blue, gray, red, navy, and black. All sizes. Offered at.....

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